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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2143
Louis Bouchard et al.) Examiner: Dennison, Jerry
Serial No.: 09/697,113) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO**
Filed: October 25, 2000) **OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON**
For: **INSTANT MESSAGE**) **December 31, 2003**
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AMENDMENTS

Marked up version of the claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing message notification for a user ~~in an instant messaging system~~ comprising the steps of:
- a. coupling a message notification application to a server, wherein the server stores messages for the user;
 - [a.] b. registering a the message notification application to at least one instant messaging service;
 - c. accessing one of the at least one instant messaging service by the user;
 - [b.] d. signing a the user onto the message notification application by adding the user to a buddy list of the message notification application thereby associating the user to the one instant messaging service which the user is currently accessing; and